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Background

Initiated by the
World Rural
Forum (2008)

Proposed by
Philippines at FAO
37th session
Conference (2011)

Formally declared
at the 66th session
of the General
Assembly of UN
(2011)

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International consensus

Family farmers are an important part of the solution for a world free from poverty and hunger

In many regions, they are the main producers of the foodstuff consumed every day in our meals.

Poor family farmers can quickly deploy their productivity potential when the appropriate policy environment is effectively put in place.

Facilitating access to land, water and other natural resources and implementing specific public policies for family farmers are key components for world food security



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Family Farming supports sustainable development

They run crop-diversification based agricultural systems and preserve traditional food products, contributing both to a balanced diet and the safeguard of the world's agrobiodiversity.

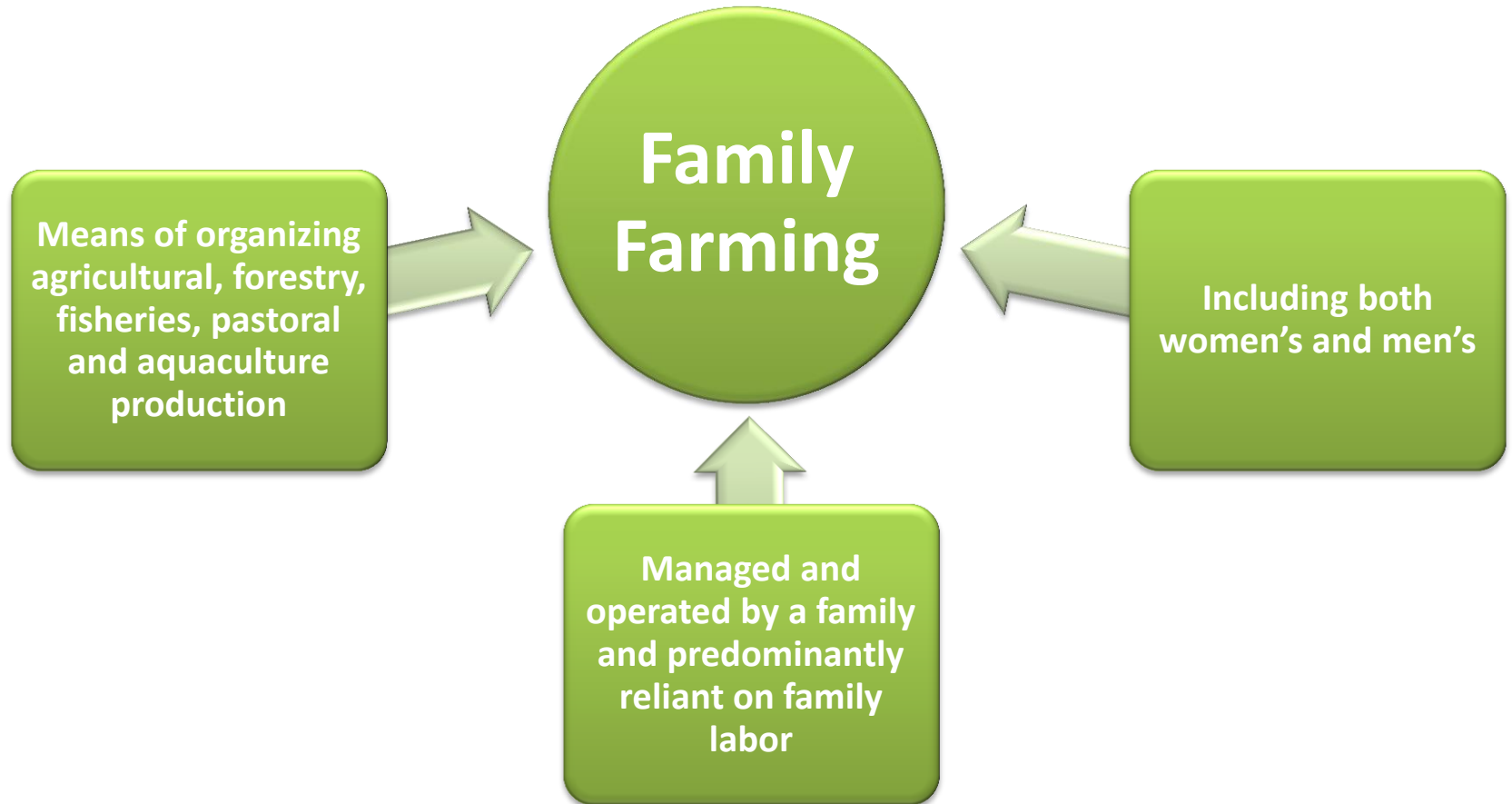
Family farmers are embedded in territorial networks and local cultures, and spend their incomes mostly within local and regional markets, generating many agricultural and non agricultural jobs.

Local production and consumption circuits based on family farming have a major part to play in fighting hunger especially when linked to social policies.



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Common features



Economic

Social

Environmental

Cultural



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Common Features

**From smallholders and medium scale
farmers, to peasants, indigenous peoples,
traditional communities, fisher folks,
pastoralists, collectors and many other groups
in any region and biome of the world**



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FAO role

To facilitate its implementation, in collaboration with Governments, RBAs and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system as well as relevant non-governmental organizations



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Organization

International Steering Committee (ISC) established (met 5 times)

Master Plan approved

FAO Internal Task Force

Multi-donor Trust Fund (IFAD)

Logo adopted

Website in several languages including a calendar of events

Launch GA NY 22 November – Special Ambassadors

Regional Dialogues



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General Objective

The aim of the IYFF is to put family farming at the centre of agricultural, environmental and social policies in the national agendas



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The IYFF aims to raise the profile of family farming by focusing world attention on its important role in eradicating hunger and poverty, providing food security and nutrition, improving livelihoods, managing natural resources, protecting the environment



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Specific Objectives

Support the development of policies conducive to sustainable family farming (policies, legislation, participatory planning for a policy dialogue, investments)

Increase knowledge, communication and public awareness

Attain better understanding of FF needs, potential and constraints and ensure technical support availability

Create synergies for sustainability



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Main Activities

Promotion of dialogue in policy decision-making processes

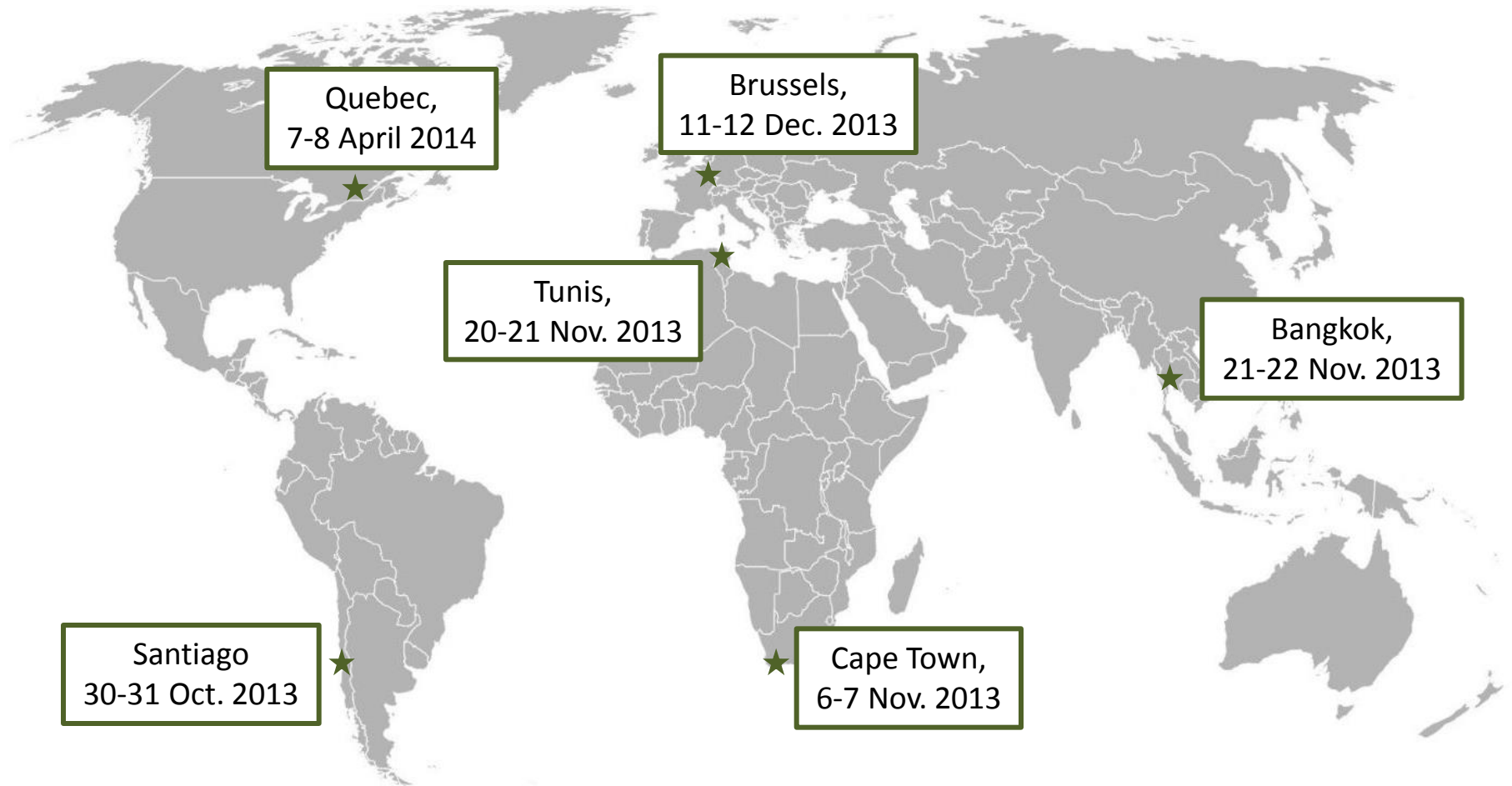
Identification, documentation and sharing lessons and successful experiences of existing pro-family farming policies

Communication, advocacy and outreach



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Targets RDs

- **DISCUSS AND UNDERSTAND THE ROLE OF FAMILY FARMING IN EACH REGION**
- **IDENTIFY AND PUT IN PLACE STRATEGIES AND PUBLIC POLICIES FOR FAMILY FARMING**
- **ESTABLISH PLATFORMS AT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS FOR POLICY DIALOGUE WITH FAMILY FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS**



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Expected results

Strategic Paper: Regional overview on Family Farming as expressed by regional/national actors

Help include the topic of Family Farming in the official programs of the **FAO Regional Conferences to be held in 2014.**

(ISC request. So far is included in the agendas of the Regional Conferences of Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean).



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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